



CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 22, 2008

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's public board meeting will be held Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at the San Diego Association of Governments located at 401 B Street, Suite 800 in San Diego, CA. **Please note the meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am.**

The September 3rd, board meeting agenda includes:

- Report by Stuart Cohen from the Transportation and Land Use Coalition on the feasibility of achieving zero greenhouse gas emissions from the electricity needed to operate the high-speed train system.
- Overview of the master plan for the development of Lindbergh Field by Mike Zdon of San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).
- Overview of the preliminary design and project-specific environmental rankings for the Altamont, San Francisco to San Jose and the San Jose to Merced corridors. Staff will request authorization to enter into contracts.
- Closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding: *Town of Atherton et al. v California High Speed Rail Authority, Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 2008-80000022.*

Highlights of the July 9th, meeting include:

- Board certified Final Bay Area to Central Valley Program environmental analysis (EIR/EIS).
- Board authorized staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Southern California Association of Governments, San Diego Association of Governments, San Bernardino Association of Governments, Riverside County Transportation Committee, and San Diego County Regional Airport Authority to work cooperatively in the planning and implementation of the high-speed train link between Los Angeles to San Diego area via the Riverside corridor.
- Staff presented a draft "Request for Qualifications" document for the San Francisco to San Jose corridor, the San Jose to Merced corridor, and the Altamont corridor for board review and approval.

For more information on California's high-speed train, visit www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

I look forward to seeing you in San Diego.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Morshed".

Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director